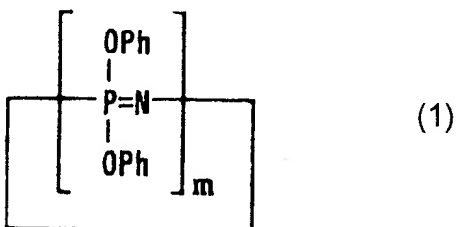


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

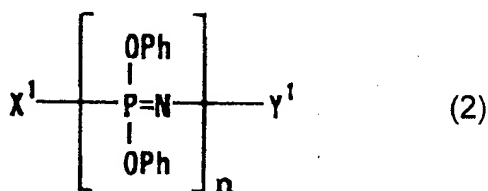
1. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant resin composition which comprises a flame retardant comprising a phosphazene compound and a phenolic resin, and a polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin, wherein the phosphazene compound comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of:

(1) a cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound of the formula



wherein m is an integer of 3 to 25, and Ph denotes a phenyl group,

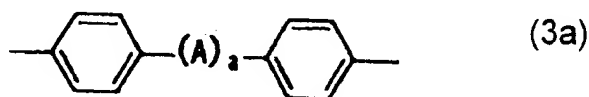
(2) a linear phenoxyphosphazene compound of the formula



wherein X represents the group  $-\text{N}=\text{P}(\text{OPh})_3$  or the group  $-\text{N}=\text{P}(\text{O})\text{OPh}$ ;  $Y^1$  represents the group  $-\text{P}(\text{OPh})_4$  or the group  $-\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OPh})_2$ ; n is an integer of 3 to 10,000; and Ph has the same meaning as defined in the formula (1), and

(3) a crosslinked phenoxyphosphazene compound which is formed by crosslinking at least one phenoxyphosphazene compound selected from the group consisting of the cyclic phenoxyphosphazene compound (1) and the linear

phenoxyphosphazene compound (2) with at least one crosslinking group selected from the group consisting of o-phenylene group, m-phenylene group, p-phenylene group, and a bisphenylene group shown by the formula (3a):



wherein A represents -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-, -SO<sub>2</sub>-, -S- or -O-, and a denotes 0 or 1, and wherein the proportion of the crosslinking group in the cross linked phenoxyphosphazene compound is, in terms of phenyl group, 0.1 to 50 mol% relative to the total phenyl groups in the phenoxyphosphazene compounds (1) and (2), and wherein the flame retardant comprises a weight ratio of the phosphazene compound to the phenolic resin of from 5/95 to 95/5.

2. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin comprises a polyethylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin or a polybutylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin.

3. (Original) A resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the phenolic resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenol-novolak resin, a phenol-aralkyl resin and a polyvinylphenolic resin.

4. (Original) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-aralkyl resin comprises a reaction product of a phenol and an aralkyl compound, and the polyvinyl phenolic resin comprises a homopolymer of a polyvinylphenol or a copolymer of a polyvinyl phenol and a copolymerizable monomer.

5. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-novolak resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of (a) a random phenol-novolak resin, (b) a high-ortho phenol-novolak resin, (c) a

triazine-modified phenol novolak resin and (d) a phenol-novolak resin containing a free monomer component and/or a dimer ~~dimmer~~ component in small amounts.

6. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the phenol-novolak resin comprises a phenol-novolak resin in which the total amount of a free monomer component and a dimer ~~dimmer~~ component is not more than 20 % by weight relative to the whole resin.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of the flame retardant is 1 to 100 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin.

9. (Currently Amended) A flame-retardant resin composition which comprises a flame retardant comprising a phenolic resin and a phosphazene compound recited in Claim 1, and a polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin, wherein the phenolic resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phenol-novolak resin, a phenol-aralkyl resin and a polyvinylphenolic resin, the flame retardant comprises the phosphazene compound and the phenolic resin in a weight ratio ~~the proportion~~ of the former/the latter of from 20/80 to 80/20, ~~(weight ratio)~~ and the amount of the flame retardant is 5 to 90 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin.

10. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen-containing flame retardant, a ~~phosphate-series~~ phosphate flame retardant and a carbonizable resin.

11. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the nitrogen-containing flame retardant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an aminotriazine, ~~a melamine or a derivative thereof~~ a melamine condensate, a cyanurate of an aminotriazine, ~~a melamine or a derivative thereof~~ and a

salt of a pyrophosphoric acid or a polyphosphoric ~~polyphosphorus~~ acid with a triazine derivative, wherein the salt of pyrophosphoric acid or polyphosphoric acid is a melamine gall; a melam salt, a melem salt, or a melamine - melam - melem complex salt.

12. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the ~~phosphate-series~~ phosphate flame retardant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a phosphate acid or a polyphosphate.

13. (Currently Amended) A resin composition according to Claim 10, wherein the carbonizable resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a ~~polycarbonate-series~~ polycarbonate resin, a ~~polyarylate-series~~ polyarylate resin, an aromatic epoxy resin, a polyphenylene oxide ~~oxide-series~~ resin and a polyphenylene ~~sulfide-series~~ sulfide resin.

14. (Original) A resin composition according to Claim 1. which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, a thermal stabilizer, a drip inhibitor and a filler.

15 (Currently Amended). A process for producing the flame-retardant resin composition, which comprises mixing a polyalkylene terephthalate ~~terephthalate-series~~ resin and a flame retardant recited in Claim 1.

16. (Original) A molded article formed with a flame-retardant resin composition recited in claim 1.